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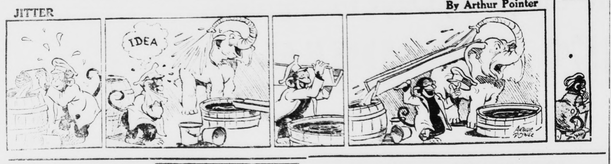

By Arthur Pointer

Mystery of Missing Milk Solved as Dog Detected

SUMTER, S. C.—The mystery of the missing milk was solved when officers followed a white trail and caught the culprit in the act of consuming his loot.

Police had tired for days to catch the thief who stole front doorsteps unsafe for the morning milk. The latest victims disappeared almost as soon as the milkman turned his back.

Detectives spotted a trail of milk drops and followed it. They found a dog chewing the tops off the cartons and lapping up the milk.

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Lots of folks complain that the money they draw every payday zooms away from them with supersonic speed. If that's happening to you, here's how to stop it automatically! Sign up for U. S. Savings Bonds regularly, under your firm's Payroll Savings Plan, or—if this method is not available to you—your bank's Bond-A-Month Plan, then, that part of your earnings can't get away from you. In fact, every $3 you invest—in the safest investment in the world—grows up to be $4 in ten years.

U. S. Treasury Department

Lone Goat Holds Riflemen At Bay for Five Minutes

WANAQUE, N.J.—It is news when a man bites a dog, then it must rate a press paragraph or two when a lone goat holds 50 armed riflemen at bay, and then, chases them, rifle and all, off the lot.

That's what happened during a private shooting match at a target range here. The 50 rifle enthusiasts, gathered for the match, all ran for the protection of their cars when the goat got after them.

The animal had held the riflemen at bay for five minutes when one shooter, braver than the rest, finally drove him off with rocks.

Why didn't anyone shoot?

Bob Elwood, of Paterson, N. J., who was there, explained that the goat belonged to the range-owner's neighbor and he had requested that everyone hold fire.

Burglar Much Frustrated After Seen in Restaurant

WASHINGTON.—Because he was spotted about 4 a.m. pounding away at the safe in a restaurant, a burglar experienced a mortifying series of vexatious frustrations.

When police arrived at the restaurant he scuttled for the rear exit but couldn't find it. He climbed to a skylight and crawled his way to the roof, but the door to the ground was too far.

He crawled into the bathroom of an adjoining apartment, but the occupants woke up and chased him downstairs. He crouched in a closet and the officers found him.

Then came the final blow. When he stood up, his pants fell down. They were weighted with $3.10 in small change stolen from the restaurant.

Wright Says Homes Soon May Be Erected At Economy Figures

NEW YORK—An esthetically attractive, fully equipped house soon can be built by any able bodied man for $1,500 to $3,000 using only the sort of skill a child shows in constructing an edifice of toy blocks.

No less a figure than one of the world's top architects, Frank Lloyd Wright, is the authority for that statement.

The first of what Wright hopes will be a vast number of such houses is scheduled for erection near White Plains, N. Y. by June, 1950. Two others are also scheduled to be built about that time in Kalamazoo, Mich. Before long, Wright said, it was hoped to have at least one model of the revolutionary new kind of houses in each of the 48 states.

As Wright explained it, the "Usonian automatic house" which he designed will be built out of a new type of cement block which can be fitted together in such a way that "no trowel will have to touch them."

The new type house, he said, can be as large or small as the amateur builder's taste and budget direct. A house equivalent in size to those now selling for around $10,000, could be built for $3,500 the architect said. A one-room structure, costing as low as $1,500 could serve as a starter.

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Play safe—drive carefully.

Truman works on messages to be presented to new Congress.

Security tax increases go on in January, 1950.

Mail Christmas packages early!

Magnetic Auto Eye Saves Cars at Rail Crossings

HARRISBURG, PA.—A magnetic eye for automobiles prevented a make-believe railroad crossing accident here recently. Inventors of the gadget say it performs the following feats:

Registers the approach of a train at a railroad crossing.

Brakes the automobile to a stop.

Turns off the motor of the car.

Keeps the car stopped until the train passes.

State, railroad and insurance company officials watched a demonstration of the device designed to eliminate grade crossing hazards.

The magnetic eye represents years of hobby puttering by three Pennsylvanians, Alfred M. Peiffer, 41, Harold C. Roeder, 41, and Oscar Funk, 57.

The device would be installed in motor vehicles—particularly buses and gasoline trucks—at a cost of about $12 to $15 each.

Railroads or state highway departments would place magnetic coils at intervals in the roadbeds of highways approaching grade crossings. These coils would be tied in with the blinker signal system now used at many crossings.

As a train approaches, it would set off a magnetic impulse from the roadbed coils. These impulses would be caught by the magnetic eye in the automobile. The magnetic eye in turn would operate the brakes and turn off the ignition.

"We've worked 19 years on this project and we think it's foolproof," said Roeder. "If the equipment was installed at every grade crossing in the country and if every automobile had our magnetic eye, grade crossing accidents would go down to zero."

Although patented, the invention still is to be marketed.

Chennault takes over two airlines.

Johnson says renewal of the draft law is essential.

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Mr. J. R. Booker is spending this week with his daughter, Mrs. George Seely, of Richmond.

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